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SPECIALISTS UNDER WORKING GROUP 10.05

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REQUEST EMBASSY PASS FOLLOWING INFORMATION TO BORUNOV OF
SOVIET EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT:

1. SOVIET PROPOSAL FOR TWO SUCCESSIVE 10-DAY, 5-MEMBER
SOVIET DELEGATIONS TO VISIT THE U.S. BEGINNING AUGUST 31
IS UNACCEPTABLE BECAUSE OF UNAVOIDABLE SCHEDULE CONFLICTS
OF KEY U.S. OFFICIALS.

2. TAYLOR, U.S. WORKING GROUP CHAIRMAN, PROPOSES INSTEAD
THAT SOVIET DELEGATION OF UP TO 10 MEMBERS, COMBINING
SPECIALTIES ON THE SUBJECTS OF "EXTREME CLIMATIC CONDITIONS"
AND "UNUSUAL GEOLOGICAL CONDITIONS," ARRIVE IN WASHINGTON
ON TUESDAY, 5 OCTOBER. THE U.S. AND SOVIET EXPERTS WILL
CONSIDER DRAFT PROTOCOL TO ACCOMPLISH PROGRAM OBJECTIVES,
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INCLUDING SUBSEQUENT EXCHANGES OF INDIVIDUAL SPECIALISTS

OR SMALL GROUPS FOR DURATIONS OF UP TO 3 MONTHS AS DEFINED
IN NOVEMBER PROTOCOL OF WORKING GROUP.

3. AFTER JOINT MEETING IN WASHINGTON, SOVIET DELEGATION
WOULD SEPARATE INTO TWO GROUPS. EXPERTS ON "EXTREME
CLIMATIC CONDITIONS" WOULD VISIT FOLLOWING SITES 8-17
OCTOBER FOR DETAILED PLANNING OF EXCHANGES OF SPECIALISTS:

COLD REGIONS RESEARCH AND ENGINEERING LABORATORY (CRREL),
HANOVER, NEW HAMPSHIRE;

CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING RESEARCH LABORATORY (CERL),
CHAMPAIGN, ILLINOIS (WITH SIDE VISITS TO THE CATERPILLAR
CO., PEORIA, ILLINOIS, AND TO CHICAGO IF DESIRED);

CORPS OF ENGINEERS, ALASKA DISTRICT

4. EXPERTS ON "UNUSUAL GEOLOGICAL CONDITIONS" WOULD
VISIT FOLLOWING SITES 8-17 OCTOBER, ALSO FOR DETAILED
PLANNING OF SPECIALIST EXCHANGES:

WATERWAYS EXPERIMENT STATION (WES), VICKSBURG, MISSI-
SSIPPI (WITH VISITS TO UNIVERSITIES AND LOCAL CORPS OF
ENGINEERS' CONSTRUCTION SITES IF DESIRED);

CORPS OF ENGINEERS, ALASKA DISTRICT;

5. AT THE CONCLUSION OF THESE TRIPS BOTH TEAMS WOULD
RECONVENE IN WASHINGTON 18-19 OCTOBER TO COMPLETE AND
SIGN THE PROTOCOL. SOVIET DELEGATION WOULD DEPART FOR
MOSCOW ON TUESDAY, 19 OCTOBER.

6. IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT THIS VISIT WILL BE FINANCED ON
THE BASIS OF SENDING SIDE PAYS. HOWEVER, AS HE AGREED TO
ATTEMPT TO DO DURING THE FIRST MEETING OF THE WORKING
GROUP IN MOSCOW LAST NOVEMBER, TAYLOR HAS OBTAINED
NECESSARY APPROVALS FOR THE LONG-TERM EXCHANGES OF
SPECIALISTS (UP TO 3 MONTHS) ON THE BASIS OF RECEIVING
SIDE PAYS.

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7. EARLY CONFIRMATION OF THE ABOVE PROPOSAL WOULD BE
MUCH APPRECIATED.

8. FYI: BORUNOV CALLED FREEMAN OF HUD ON MORNING OF
28 JULY TO INQUIRE ABOUT STATUS ON SOVIET PROPOSAL AS
OUTLINED IN REFTEL. HE SEEMED ANXIOUS FOR A REPLY AND
WAS TOLD THAT THE SOVIET PROPOSED DATES WERE NOT ACCEPT-
ABLE, THAT TAYLOR WILL PROPOSE OCTOBER, AND THAT TAYLOR'S

PROPOSALS WOULD BE CABLED TO EMBASSY MOSCOW. KISSINGER

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